GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

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MANUFACTURING OF UNMANNED AIRCRAFT LAKSHYA
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has manufactured the Unmanned Aircraft `Lakshya` to cater the needs of the country;

(b) if so, the number of such aircrafts manufactured and handed over to the army for their use so far and the cost of each aircraft;

(c) whether the Government have any plan to sell these aircrafts to other countries; and

(d) if so, names of nations which have shown interest to procure the Indian manufactured aircraft `Lakshya`?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) Yes, Sir. Limited Series Production has commenced at Aeronautical Development Establishment (ADE), with support from Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) to meet the urgent requirements of Services.

(b) On successful development Indian Air Force and Indian Navy have inducted `Lakshya`.The delivery for Army is planned in 2002-2003. Five aircraft with ground launch and control equipment are under manufacture for Army. Each aircraft is costing approximately Rs. 205 lakhs.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The efforts in this regard have not yet resulted in the sale orders from any country.